

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY [495]

WORLD WAR I SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRES, 1914-1918

5.6 cu. ft. and 25 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: This series contains military service questionnaires and photographs of Utah's World War I veterans compiled by the Utah State Historical Society shortly after the war. The forms were sent to veterans or their families to complete and return.

The survey was the result of a request by Governor Bamberger to the State Council of Defense that a War History of the State be compiled. By 1920 when the Council had disbanded, the project was continued by the Utah State Historical Society who hired Dr. Andrew L. Neff to write the history. By 1926 the production of an all encompassing work proved overwhelming, and it was learned that the federal government was compiling similar information to be filed with the state adjutant general. Therefore the project was abandoned as infeasible and a duplication of effort.

The form included general information, induction information, oversea service data, promotions, casualties, and remarks. General information gives the veteran's name; home address; camp or oversea address; birth date and place; race; parents' names; occupation before entering service; employer and employer's address; marital status, and if married, wife's name; and the number and names of children. Induction information gives date of induction; method of induction (selective service or volunteer); branch of service; name and number of company and regiment; division; commanding officer; if in the navy, the name of ship; other organizations the individual had belonged to; name of first and later training camps with the time spent in each; and remarks. Oversea Service lists date of transport overseas, place of oversea service, and remarks. The promotions section lists rank at entrance to service; previous military training; promotions with date of each; date of discharge, if applicable; citations for bravery, etc.; and remarks. Casualties lists date and place if killed in action; date, place, and disease if died of illness; date, place, and nature of wounds if wounded

in action; date, place, and details if died of accident or other causes; and remarks.

At the end there was a place for the signature of the person completing the questionnaire. This was followed by a note which stated: "Send photograph. Record will be incomplete without photograph. Enclose interesting incidents, clippings, letters, and other material which should be made part of record. Don't neglect this opportunity to have your boy properly represented on the permanent records of Utah." Many of the questionnaires are accompanied by a photograph of the serviceman. A few were also accompanied by letters or newspaper clippings.

This material is present in two forms: 1) Microfilm 2) Boxed copies of original photographs and individually jacketed sections of microfilm. The original papers, except photos, were apparently discarded. The microfilm shows the questionnaire, the photograph, and any accompanying papers. The boxed copy contains the original photograph and individually jacketed portions of the microfilm as they pertain to a single individual. In rare cases, where only the photograph was present (ie. missing jacketed microfilm), it is usually accompanied by a form 724-1 A.G.O. This form is a 4x6 inch note card furnished to the states by the U.S. Adjutant General's Office. These cards similarly summarize the individual's service record

ARRANGEMENT: The entries are alphabetical by veteran's name. Some which were missed during the initial filming were filmed on the last reel. The boxed information is entirely alphabetical.

RELATED RECORDS: Series 85268, MILITARY SERVICE CARDS, and series 2793, WORLD WAR I SERVICE RECORDS, contain service information for many of these same World War I veterans. Specifically, those series include the A.G.O. forms 724-1 which occasionally appear in the boxed copy of this series.

CUSTODY HISTORY: The questionnaires were collected by the Historical Society shortly after the war. Found in 1960 in a National Guard warehouse at Ft. Douglas, they were transferred to the Military Records Section of the Society for cleaning and alphabetizing.

PROCESSING NOTE: Microfilmed in 1975, originals except photos apparently discarded. Archivaly processed 1990 by A.C. Cone. A few additional photographs and questionnaires were located by the Historical Society in 1998. They were given to the Archives and filmed as part of the addendum reel, reel 25, in 1999; the photographs were then interfiled in the regular alphabetical sequence.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Box	Description
1	1	Abbott, Arthur-Bagen, James

Reel	Box	Description
2	1	Bagen, James-Beesley, Jerold
3	1	Beesley, Jerold-Bird, Reuben
3	2	Birt, Joseph-Bowman, Robert
4	2	Bowman, Robert-Butler, John
5	2	Butler, Maude-Chytraus, Karl
5	3	Clapp, Roger-Clement, Marion
6	3	Clements, William-Cutlip, Luther
7	3	Dabb, Clarence-Dunham, Starr
8	3	Dunlop, Earl-Dyson, William
8	4	Earl, Frank-Fitzgerald, Maurice
9	4	Fitzgerald, Michael-Gordon, Lynn
10	4	Gore, Herbert-Grimm, Lenhart
10	5	Grimshaw, Clarence-Hart, Clyde
11	5	Hartley, Harry-Hunter, George
12	5	Hunter, Archie-Ivory, James
12	6	Jack, George-Jones, Heber
13	6	Jones, Henry-Larson, Newel
14	6	Larson, Olaf-Lewis, W.
14	7	Lichfield, William-McCurdy, Howard
15	7	McDaniel, Council-Miles, Raymond
16	7	Miles, Richard-Mortenson, Martin
16	8	Morton, Harry-Nelson, Wilford
17	8	Nelson, William-Paxman, Charles
18	8	Paxman, Frank-Pleacturas, Atostolas
18	9	Poelman, Walter-Rackley, Walter
19	9	Radmall, Reuben-Rowberry, Don
20	9	Rowe, Dudley-Shurtz, John
20	10	Sidwell, Edward-Slade, Jefferson
21	10	Slater, Roxy-Stewart, John
22	10	Stewart, John-Tix, Henry
22	11	Tobiason, Roland-Tracy, Abraham
23	11	Treharne, William-Wetzel, Francis
24	11	Whalen, Walter-Zwahlen, Samuel
25	N/A	Miscellaneous, A-Z